

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

National conference to highlight digital archiving

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FRANKFORT, Ky. - The 2011 Best Practices Exchange (BPE): Distilling Digital Collections will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington Oct. 20-22. Conference topics will include the issues involved in creating digital information programs in state government such as accessibility, sustainability, digital projects and community and collaboration.

BPE is a national conference for digital preservation practitioners in government and university archives and libraries; educators and researchers in the fields of library science, information science, technology, archives, and records management; and product developers working to create systems for managing and preserving digital collections.

Featured speakers will include: Michael Wash, National Archives Open Government executive/chief information officer (CIO); Leslie Johnston, chief of Repository Development at Library of Congress; Doug Robinson, executive director of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers; and Victoria Irons Walch, executive director of the Council of State Archivists.

In addition to plenary sessions with the featured speakers, the program will include exchange sessions with presentations by individuals working in digital preservation, followed by facilitated discussion. The BPE meets annually in different sections of the country, and is being held in Kentucky for the first time, giving Kentucky institutions a chance to highlight their work in digital preservation and electronic recordkeeping.

To find additional information about the exchange, go to: www.bpexchange.org/2011.

BPE 2011 is being hosted by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, and supported by the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc.; University of Kentucky Special Collections and Digital Programs; University of Louisville Archives and Records Center; and the Internet Archive.